

Wooster High School Guidance Dept.

Wooster City School District

September 2013

Inspiring World-Class Academic Achievement

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Principal's Message:

Welcome Back! Another year is underway. School is in full swing; students and staff are engaged in the Common Core Curriculum.

The annual WHS Test Day will be October 16. During this day, 8th & 9th graders will take the ACT Explore Test, 10th Grade will take the ACT PLAN Test, and 11th graders will pay to take the PSAT or take the free ASVAB Test. All seniors are recommended to do a college visit, job shadow or come to WHS to take the ASVAB. Seniors will need verification of their college visit or job shadow on their return.

The fall OGT will occur the week of October 28: only those juniors and seniors who have not passed a portion of the OGT will be testing. As always, when testing, please make sure that your child is in school, eats well, and gets the appropriate amount of sleep.

Wooster High School is committed to providing a quality education, and we strive to graduate all our students; please encourage your child to take pride in the educational process. Working together as parents, school, and community, we can help "All Students have Higher Achievement Every Year." Let's make a difference together.

~ Anita Jorney-Gifford, Principal

Safety before and after school:

Please be reminded that the front circle is one-way between 7:00 am - 8:00 am and also 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm. This includes not entering the drive by the GRC/Pool until after 8:00 am or 3:00 pm. This allows for both lanes to exits.

Also, the entire bus fleet will close off the front loop from 2:10 pm – 2:30 pm. If you need to pick up your child from 2:00 pm to the end of the day, please have them meet you at the West end of the building.

ACT/SAT TEST DATES:

Sign up for the ACT on-line at: www.actstudent.org. The cost for the ACT (no writing) is \$36.50 and the ACT Plus Writing is \$52.50.

The test dates are:

October 26, 2013
December 14, 2013
February 8, 2014
April 12, 2014
June 14, 2014

The registration deadline is:

September 27, 2013
November 8, 2013
January 10, 2014
March 7, 2014
May 9, 2014

Late fee required:

September 28 - October 11, 2013
November 9 - 22, 2013
January 11 - 24, 2014
March 8 - 21, 2014
May 10 - 16, 2014

Sign up for the SAT on-line at: www.collegeboard.com. The cost for the SAT is \$51.00.

The test dates are:

October 5, 2013
November 2, 2013
December 7, 2013
January 25, 2014
March 8, 2014
May 3, 2014
June 7, 2014

The registration deadline is:

September 6, 2013
October 3, 2013
November 8, 2013
December 27, 2013
February 7, 2014
April 4, 2014
May 9, 2014

Late fee required:

September 20, 2013
October 18, 2013
November 22, 2013
January 10, 2014
February 21, 2014
April 18, 2014
May 23, 2014

BOLD denotes tests given at WHS (School Code: 365-630)

College Application Deadlines

College applications due by January 1 will need to be turned in to the Guidance Office by December 13. Guidance counselors will NOT guarantee to process college applications received the week of December 16-20. Therefore, students requiring applications to be mailed prior to winter break, MUST turn them in to their counselor by December 13. The Guidance Office will accept applications due after January 1 at any time and will process them upon return on January 6.

Guidance Activities

October

Test Day – October 16

- Seniors – College Visitation/
Job Shadowing/ASVAB
- Juniors – PSAT/ASVAB
- Sophomores – PLAN
- Freshmen, Grade 8 – EXPLORE

October/November/March

Ohio Graduation Test (OGT)

- **October 28-November 1**
Juniors and seniors only
- **November 4-7**
Makeup for juniors and seniors only
- **March 10-14**
All sophomores; juniors and seniors as needed
- **March 17-21**
Makeup for all sophomores; juniors and seniors as needed

November/December

Wayne County Career Center

- Visitation Day
Friday, November 22
- Open House
Thursday, December 5
5-8 p.m.

February

Post-Secondary Enrollment
Option meeting with parents,
February 11

May

Advanced Placement Testing,
May 5-16

Seniors:

It's time to be thinking about future plans. Information about colleges may be gathered by making campus visits,* and attending presentations by college representatives that visit WHS. Wednesday, October 16 is an excellent day for seniors to schedule a college visit. This is the annual WHS test day where seniors have the following options:

1. Schedule a college visit
2. Make arrangements with an employer to job shadow
3. Stay at WHS and take the ASVAB – the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test

Seniors who choose to take a college visit or job shadow are excused for the day. They must make prior arrangements with their guidance counselor by October 11.

*NOTE: Juniors and seniors are permitted three (3) college visitation days per year prior to May 1.

The guidance counselors would like to make the following suggestions for seniors:

- **Take or retake the ACT or SAT college entrance tests to improve your score.**
- **Be aware of college admission deadlines and APPLY EARLY!**
- **Apply for financial aid in January. (Check to see if FAFSA instructions/forms are available in the Guidance Office)**
- **Complete the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov, after January 1, 2014.**
- **Continue to take a challenging curriculum of classes.**
- **Make an appointment to meet with your guidance counselor to discuss your future plans – especially if you have senior privilege first or last period.**
- **Prepare an activity sheet of community/school involvement to send with admission and scholarship applications.**
- **Check the Guidance Department website at woosterguidance.wikispaces.com for information about college visits and scholarships. Search out information on other options in addition to college – i.e. military, trade school, technical training.**

Juniors:

Some important points for juniors to think about and begin acting on this year:

- Sign up to take the PSAT – a test that could qualify you to become a National Merit scholar and receive money for college. Also, it is a good practice test for the SAT. The fee for the PSAT is \$14 and may be paid through Oct. 11 and will be given on Oct 16. Make checks payable to WHS. If you are NOT going to sign up for the PSAT test, you will be taking the ASVAB test – the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test.
- Register and take the ACT or SAT sometime this school year.
- Begin your college search by visiting schools.
- Keep in mind the college prep core courses suggested for college success when planning your senior year schedule.
- Become familiar with admission requirements of schools of interest.
- Use the materials in the Guidance Resource Room.

Sophomores:

Sophomore students will take the PLAN test on Test Day, Oct. 16. PLAN gives sophomores an estimate of how they will score on the ACT. PLAN tests them in the same four areas as the ACT – English, Math, Reading, and Science. It also gives the students some insight as to what careers they might choose according to their abilities and answers they give on the career inventory section of the test.

Freshmen and Grade 8:

On Test Day, freshmen and students in Grade 8 will take the EXPLORE which is an ACT college readiness test that includes tests in English, Math, Reading and Science. The EXPLORE Student Score Report gives information about knowledge, skills, interests, career plans, and the amount of help the student thinks they need in seven areas. The EXPLORE prepares students not only for their high school coursework, but also for their post-high school choices as well. It marks an important beginning for a student's future academic and career success.



Congratulations to Megan Zerrer and Itali Knighten on being selected the September Recognized Board of Education students.

WCSCC Presentations

On Friday, October 11, ambassadors from the Wayne County Schools Career Center will be in the PAC for sophomore presentations. Students will learn about the variety of programs the WCSCC has to offer during biology classes throughout the day. The sophomore Visitation Day at WCSCC will be Friday, November 22, 2013. WCSCC Open House is December 5, 2013 from 5:00-8:00 pm.

College Admissions Counselors

College Admissions Counselors will be available to meet with juniors and seniors now through mid November. This list includes: The Ohio State University, Liberty University, Mount Vernon University, and The University of Akron, just to name a few. Visit the Guidance Department webpage at woosterguidance.wikispaces.com for a complete listing.

Guidance Department Webpage and College Application Podcast

The Wooster High School Guidance Department webpage can be found at www.woostercityschools.org. Click on Wooster High School, then click on WHS Guidance under the Academics section. The page contains many items of interest: athletic eligibility, career resources, homework helper, and testing information. (ACT, SAT, PSAT, OGT.)

The college information center will hopefully address concerns regarding the college process. The College Application Podcast will explain the steps necessary to complete the college application process for Wooster High School, along with the required material.

The scholarship section will be updated as the Guidance Office receives scholarship information. The Guidance web page will continue to be updated throughout the school year, as concerns are addressed. Please feel free to contact the appropriate Guidance Counselor with any questions.

Ms. Paula Kimble – A-EL, ext. 3102, wstr_pkimble@woostercityschools.org
 Mrs. Cheryl Goff – Em-K, ext. 3108, wstr_cgoff@woostercityschools.org
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 Ms. Ann Robison – Grade 8, ext 3234, wstr_mrobison@woostercityschools.org

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Parent/Teacher Conferences

Who: Grades 8-12
When: Monday, Nov. 4 and Wednesday, Nov. 6, 5:00-8:00 pm
Where: WHS Commons and Grade 8 Hallway outside of classrooms. Grade 8 elective teachers will be in the main 2nd floor corridor near the Grade 8 hallway. Elective teachers that also have 9-12 grade students will be found in the commons area.
 No appointment necessary.

Physical Education Waiver

A few changes have been made to the submission of the PE Waiver, effective with the publication of this newsletter.

Any student that has participated in interscholastic athletics, marching band or cheerleading for at least two (2) full seasons will be exempted from participation in physical education, if so desired. Students MUST complete the entire season(s) in which they have elected to participate.

Please visit the WHS website at www.woostercityschools.org/hs for complete details and to access the form for the student to download and complete. Please contact Mrs. Lepley, Guidance Secretary, with any questions or concerns at wstr_dlepley@woostercityschool.org. or at 330-345-4000, ext. 3400.